La Peña Cultural Center
3105 Shattuck Ave.
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Two-Month Calendar
(See back for Ocotber 2010)
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www.lapena.org

La Peña Cultural Center

Administrative Office Hours
Monday - Friday, 10am - 5pm
(510) 849-2568
(press ext. 4 for program info.)
(press *2 for staff directory)
email: info@lapena.org / www.lapena.org

La Tienda Day Box Office

FOR ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
Wednesday - Saturday, 1 - 6pm
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Café Valparaíso at La Peña

The café is an independently operated family business run by Pablo and Miriam Valenzuela.
Wed. & Thurs.: 5:30pm-9:30pm
Fridays: 11am-10:30pm
Saturdays: 11am-10:30pm
Sundays: 11am-9:30pm
Phone/fax (510) 841-3800

La Peña disclaimer: Since 1975, more than 1,000 community groups have used La Peña's space. The use of our space does not mean that La Peña endorses the views presented. La Peña believes that it is important to help stimulate an environment conducive to discussion & understanding among different peoples & points of view.

* Indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that La Peña discount cards are not valid.
Programs subject to change. La Peña is wheelchair accessible.

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BRWN BFLO 9/11

M.U.S.A. 9/3

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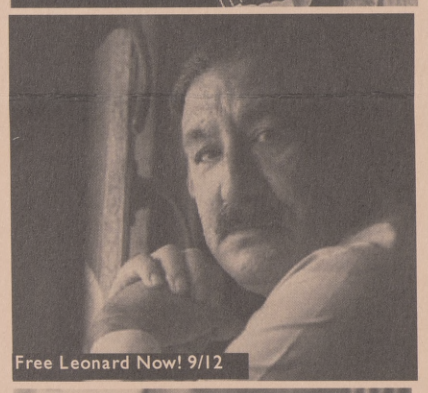
Duo Amaranto 9/17


Free Leonard Now! 9/12

Homage to Violeta Parra 9/25

Doctors for Single Payer 9/26

Saul Kaye 9/2

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 CAFE SCIENCE IN LOBBY 7PM FREE Update on the **Cuban Economy** presented by **Eric Leenson** **7:30pm Free**	**2** CD RELEASE **Saul Kaye** Cd Release Party for *"Jewish Blues Volume Two: Kings, Prophets, Brothers"* Internationally touring artist, **Saul Kaye**, returns to La Peña to celebrate the release of his 7th CD. Journey back in time as Saul refreshes the characters from the Torah by washing them in the Delta. **8pm $10-$15 sliding scale** All ages!	**3** CONCERT / DANCE **M.U.S.A.** (Mentes Unidas Sembrando Acción!) M.U.S.A. is a new fusion rock project trying to spread a message of happiness and awaken consciousness. Mixing styles like Spanish rock, funk, reggae, cumbia and pop, M.U.S.A. gives the audience an incredible and unique experience. Featuring Maria Loreto Ramirez, Enrique Sepulveda, Anna Garrido, Carlos Moya, Gabriel Sandino, & Rafael Turincio. **9pm $10**	**4** CONCERT **Palestine in Music** **David Rovics** and performers from the Middle-East bring the sorrow and pride of the region alive through music and dance. **7:30pm $15 gen. $5 students**
5 COMMUNITY RUMBA 3:30-6PM Not a big enough house for all your guests? Did you know you can RENT US? Plan your community activity at La Peña. Priority is given to day time rentals. Call us at (510) 849-2568 ext. 13 FREE SCREENING OF ARCHEOLOGY OF MEMORY AT THE BERKELEY LIBRARY ON SEPT. 11, 2010. CALL 981-6241 FOR DETAILS.	**8** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN **Advance Ticket information** Advance sale tickets are available for a select number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online at www.lapena.org. Advance tickets **DO NOT** guarantee a seat. People with special needs should call **(510) 849-2568 ext. 20.** Please arrive 1/2 hour prior to show time.	**9** THEATER **TWO DAYS: Thursday & Friday, September 9 & 10** Great Solo Performance **Heavy Like the Weight of a Flame** Echoes of Shakespeare, Hendrix and Kerouac charge solo artist-comedian-guitarist **R. Ernie Silva**'s true-life tale about his odyssey across the great American outback. ***Heavy Like the Weight of a Flame*** follows Silva's haunting, touching and often humorous journey across the country. **8pm $10 gen. $7 adv. & students**	**10** SOLO PERFORMANCE **11** CONCERT BRWN BFLO Presents **Hij@s de Resistencia** SOMOS ONE's solo CD Release Party & AWOC/NFWA Commemoration with DJ China Tu Madre (Pelanga), Think Tank Collective (FABC), CihuatlCe, Power-Struggle, and Surprise Guests! **Doors open at 8pm** **Show begins at 9pm** **$10 gen. $7 (18 & under)** *Banddero Duran in the Cafe Lobby. 7pm*
12 FREE LEONARD NOW! **Birthday Party for Leonard Peltier** Today he is 66 winters old! Come celebrate with us & make a strategy to set him free, now! Only President Obama has the authority to do! Special guest speaker Leonard Foster. Performances by *Goodshield*, Lorna D. Cervantes, Matt Callahan, and Coyotess Tails! Drumming by All Nation Singers! & traditional dancers. **7:30pm $5** (More info: 415-577-1492)	**15** BOOK LAUNCH Book launch party for **The Two-Body Problem** by Thomas Farber & Edward Frenkel. A story set on the beach in the South of France, about art, math, sex, and love. Screening of a 40-minute companion video about the authors and their book by publisher & videographer Andrea Young. **7:30pm $10** (No one turned away for lack of funds)	**16** SHOWCASE **Go Ohana!** A monthly showcase of Asian American musicians, spoken word artists, dancers, video/multi-disciplinary artists, and visual artists. **7:30pm $10 gen. $8 students**	**17** CONCERT **La Segunda Independencia** Celebrate the Bicentenary of Mexican & Chilean Independence **Cascada de Flores** (Jorge Liceaga & Arwen Lawrence) **Duo Amaranto** (Rafael Manriquez & Ingrid Rubis) Local duets playing traditional & contemporary Latin American songs w/ guitars, jarana, accordion, venezuelan cuatro, quena, piano & percussion. **8pm $12 adv. $15 dr.**	**18** ¡VIVA CHILE! **Viva el 18!** Celebrate the Chilean Bicentenario with **Grupo Araucaria** and friends in an evening of traditional music and dances from Chile: "*Sin cuecas no es 18*". **8:30pm $12 gen.** Evening Sponsored by LAN Airlines
19 COMMUNITY RUMBA 3:30-6PM CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO AND FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING WWW.LAPENA.ORG	**22** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN Private Event in the Theater	**23** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN Private Event in the Theater **The Teacher's Lounge - Happy Hour!** Join us for a gathering of teachers and educators with a live deejay in our newly painted café lobby/bar. Release your stress, listen to Deejay Rockstarr, and have some drinks ($3.75 beer, wine, or sangria) with your colleagues. An opportunity to lesson plan, network, or just kick it with friends in the teaching field. **5:30-7pm** **Wednesday & Thursday Dinner Special!** With a purchase of one main course between 5:30pm-7pm get one of the following for free: house wine, draft beer, or sangria.	**24** FLAMENCO Flamenco International presents **Ricardo Diaz** Travesuras CD Tour. Performers from Spain, France & USA. Flamenco guitarist Ricardo Diaz and his group Travesuras, feature original and passionate music performed with Gypsy intensity. The music includes Latin, Jazz, World Music and Moorish beats. **8pm $20 adv. $25 dr.**	**25** CONCERT La Peña Community Chorus' Tribute to Chilean poet Violeta Parra **Canto Para Una Semilla** In celebration of La Peña's 35th year, we proudly present this choral setting of her autobiographical *décimas*. With special guests *Rafael Manriquez, Feña Torres, Jorge Tapia, and Alisa Peres.* A silent auction will help raise money towards the Chorus' 2011 tour of Argentina, Uruguay, & Chile. **8pm $15 adv. $18 dr.**
26 MEXICAN MUSIC TARDEADA 3-6PM **The Mad as Hell Doctors for Single Payer Health Care** Featuring Mad as Hell country singer Bob Wickline, film producer-ER doc Paul Hochfeld, Max Baucus' nemesis Dr. Margaret Flowers, and more. **7pm Free**	**29** CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN **Help Support La Peña with eScrip** EScrip is a way for La Peña to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants. Hundreds of merchants contribute a percentage to La Peña when you shop. Call Nadine at (510) 849-2568 ext. 12 to learn more.	**30** SAMAVESHA PRESENTS A Fundraiser for the Multi-Disciplinary Performing Arts Festival ART IN NATURE/THE NATURE IN ART Live music, dance art installation and multi-disciplinary arts to support the site specific festival of site specific works in nature to be held in Redwood Regional Park on October 3 along the Stream Trail. Visit our website for details. **7:30pm $10-$100** (No one turned away for lack of funds)	

MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS MUSIC CLASSES WWW.LAPENA.ORG

Tuesday, Sep. 21 • 8pm $10 Adults/$8 Students & Seniors
Cine+Mas SF Latino Film Festival
"Heart of Time / Corazon del Tiempo"
2009. Dir. Alberto Cortes. A young woman in the Chiapas, southern Mexico, falls for a revolutionary fighter in the Zapatista conflict. The EZLN engages the entire community to ensure that love will win over obligation. More info at www.sflatinofilmfestival.com.

Mano a Mano con Chile invites you to
Siempre Septiembre
A family & community *"Tardeada Chilena"*. Llive music & delicious Chilean dishes: asado a la chilena, anticuchos, empanadas, ensaladas, vegetarian dishes, etc. September 19, 2010 • 12-6pm $25 donation. 397 Moraga Ave., Piedmont. Benefit for Mano a Mano con Chile.

LA PEÑA'S EXHIBITS • SEPTEMBER 2010

Chilean Exiles in New York City. Sep. 1 - Sep. 26.
In the Theater. Photos by **Marcelo Montealegre** who has had a long and successful career in Chile and the US. During the 1960s he was a photographer for *La Voz*, the *South Pacific Mail*, and *Zig-Zag*, as well as the magazine, *Desfile*. During this period he also had photos published in *Time Magazine* and in *The Houston Post*. Since his move to the US in 1968, he has worked for *Newsweek, Manchete, Qui, Sinco Press, Der Spiegel* and a number of newspapers, including the NY paper, *El Diario*. He has also been a producer for National Public Radio, a university professor, and a freelance photographer.

El Arte Cubano. Sep. 2 - Oct. 26.
Café & Lobby. Imagine Press (IP) and El Arte Cubano will be exhibiting a selection of contemporary Cuban art from its *taller's* collection. IP specializes in the publication of works from artists living on the island. Among them Fabelo, Pedro Pablo Oliva, Rancano, & Carlos Guzman.

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Jacqueline Fuentes 10/1

Muza 10/1

Maria Volonté 10/2

FRIDAY

1 CHILEAN SINGERS

Muza & Jacqueline Fuentes

Petroglyph Records selected *Muza* album *Cambio de Estación* for international release and won an Independent Music Award in '06. Sharing the stage is *Jacqueline*, whose CD *Amo La Vida* reflects her South American heritage and the influences of Violeta Parra & Mercedes Sosa.

8pm $ 12 adv. $14 dr.

Happy Hour Teacher's Lounge 5:30-7pm Café

SATURDAY

2 COLIBRI 10:30AM

Argentine singer/songwriter

María Volonté

celebrates feminine creativity in *Olor a Mujer*, a new show that brings together the works of great Latin American composers (Violeta Parra, Eladia Blazquez, Chabuca Granda, & Consuelo Velazquez, among others) and her own recent compositions. Featuring: María Volonté, vocals & guitar and Kevin Carrel Footer, harmonica.

8pm $15 adv. $18 dr.

SUNDAY

3 COMMUNITY RUMBA 3:30-6PM

Gail Dobson Latin Jazz Septet

A vocal recital with *Gail's Vocals for Kids!* precedes the band performance. *Gail Dobson*, vocals & percussion; *Smith Dobson*, vibraphone; *Masaru Koga*, sax, flute, percussion; *Patrick Morehead*, piano, arranger; *Sam Bevan*, bass; *Josh Jones*, drum, & *Louie Romero*, percussion.

7pm $10 adv. $12 dr.
Kids 16 & under free.

10 BENEFIT EVENT

STOP OPEN PIT MINING IN HUICHOL SACRED SITES

Join the Wixárika Research Center for an evening of discussion and film to stop the mining of the sacred Wixárika site of Wirikuta in the state of San Luis de Potosi Mexico. All funds raised will go directly to the legal defense fund.

7pm $10-$25*

17 COMMUNITY RUMBA 3:30-6PM

Check our social media tools and use them as a medium to promote your event. More and more people are using these tools to communicate with La Peña's audiences. Become a fan of La Peña on FaceBook, check YouTube, and/or visit our Blog. For links, check our homepage at www.lapena.org

24 MEXICAN MUSIC TARDEADA 3-6PM

Music Video Release Party & Fundraiser

Ase Dance Theatre Collective

West coast release of the ASE video directed by Adia T. Whitaker. ASE stirs the stage to life with vibrant costume, African Diaspora's polyrhythmic dances & boundless energy as they weave stories of island heritage.

4pm $10-$20 sliding scale

31 ALL AGES DANCE PARTY

BodiRock Culture Presents

Halloween Monster Mash

An all ages dance party w/ treats, games, costume contests, & live dance performances!

6pm-11pm
Show at 7:30pm
$8 Adults $4 Kids 12 & under
For more info:
bodirockculture@gmail.com

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WEDNESDAY

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20 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TUESDAY, OCT. 19TH

Special Hall of Fame induction dinner event to honor **Eric Leenson**, a La Peña co-founder. Dinner prepared by guest chef & also La Peña co-founder, **Hugo Brenni**. 6pm - Details in our website.

27 DANCING BENEFIT

New Orleans root music: blues, gospel, second line jazz, & early R&B. Recently toured Europe supporting second CD, *Spreadin' Honey*.

The California Honeydrops

Benefit for Rebuilding Together Oakland which rehabilitates homes of low-income elderly & disabled homeowners so they live in safety, comfort, & independence.

8pm $15 adv. $20 dr. All Ages

THURSDAY

7 BENEFIT FILM SCREENING

The Day Diplomacy Died

A 33 min. film by Bernie Dywer and Roberto Ruiz Rebo about the so called Cuban dissidents. Film maker Bernie Dywer will be on hand to present the film and will answer questions after the screening. Sponsored by the Cuban Five International Committee.

7pm $10*

14 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Brazil Update

Brazilian activist and scholar Gustavo Oliveira will discuss the recent elections and their impact on social movements.

7:30pm Donations
(No one turned away for lack of funds)

21 QUEER HISTORY

Intergenerational Conversation

The GLBT Historical Society is proud to present an evening with activist, scholar, author **Bettina Aptheker** in an intergenerational conversation with **Ianna Owen** discussing perspectives on queer history, sustaining activism and promoting social justice.

7:30pm Donations

28 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Muchas Gracias!
Your generous support allows La Peña to fulfill our mission of promoting peace, social justice and cultural understanding through the arts, education and social action. Please donate securely online at: www.lapena.org

8 CUMBIA/DUB-REGGAE

Combining the ancient cumbia traditions with modern dub-reggae techniques

Candelaria

seeks to combine the spiritual with the scientific. The resulting cumbia-dub fusion reaction has been shown to spontaneously create dance parties lasting deep into the night.

9pm $7

15 DANCE & MUSIC

Jaranon y Bochinche

El alma del Afro-Peruano! Afro-Peruvian music and dance from the coastal region of Peru.

8:30pm $16 adv. $18 dr.

22 SHOWCASE

Go Ohana!

A monthly showcase of Asian American musicians, spoken word artists, dancers, video/multi-disciplinary artists and visual artists.

7:30pm $10 gen. $8 students

29 MOROCCAN CONCERT

Yassir Chadley & El Hameedeen

Yassir Chadly has recorded with Alonzo King and Lines Ballet, the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater, Pharoah Sanders, Omar Sosa, and Taj Mahal. His group El Hameedeen is purely Moroccan & features dumbek player Bouchaib Abdelhadi. Visit www.yassirchadly.com for more info.

8pm $12 adv. $14 dr.

9 LOS MAPACHES 10:30AM

Celebration of African Musicians, Dancers, Drummers, & Singers

Featuring Live Music: Sia Amma, Ousseynou Kouyate, Mohammed Kouyate, Karamba Dioubate, Faly Seydi, Karano Susso and many more! Benefit for Liberian Schools.

9pm $20 gen.
$15 seniors/students

16 JERRY KENNEDY 10:30AM

Nosotras

Join *Nosotras* for a night filled with music and dance from Latin America. Many of the most talented women have come together to create a sophisticated musical group that focuses on sharing the beauty and wealth of Latin American dance and music. Performing works from Peru to Mexico, Brazil to Cuba, and beyond.

8:30pm $15

23 ASHEBA 10:30AM

Samavesha presents

Mandala

Great artists from all over the world gather for an evening of music, dance, visual art, and more. Directed by Laura Inserra.

8pm $10-$20 sliding scale
(No one turned away for lack of funds)

30 MARIELA & FRIENDS 10:30AM

Halloween Costume Party with

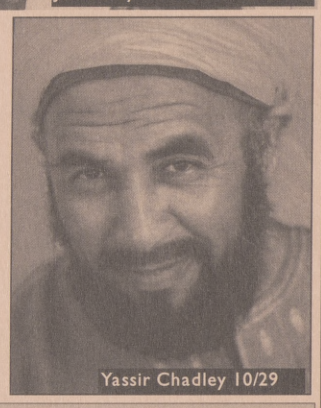
Los Boleros

Featuring Felix Samuel & Zareen on vocals. Admission includes free salsa lesson at 9pm with Rebecca Miller. Prizes to the best costumes.

9:30pm $12 adv. $15 dr.

Gail Dobson 10/3

Jaranón y Bochinche 10/15


Yassir Chadley 10/29

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Tuesday, October 12

International Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples
Join the International Indian Treaty Council on October 12th to commemorate the struggles of indigenous peoples around the world. Event at Humanist Hall, 390 27th St., between Telegraph and Broadway in Oakland. For more info: International Indian Treaty Council **7pm**

Celebration of African Artists 10/9

The Teacher's Lounge - Happy Hour

Join us for a gathering of teachers and educators with a live deejay in our newly painted café lobby/bar. Release your stress, listen to Deejay Rockstarr, and have some drinks ($3.75 beer, wine, or sangria) with your colleagues. An opportunity to lesson plan, network, or just kick it with friends in the teaching field. **5:30-7pm**

Buy Groceries that Give Back to non-profits!

Support La Peña while shopping by Joining Escrip!

Go to www.escrip.com; sign up to support La Peña Cultural Center (search for "La Pena"), and VOILA! Nothing more to it.

Over $14 million gets donated to local schools or nonprofits from this program. This year, the top 100 nonprofits will receive an additional $1,000!

A) Look for the yellow School Bus tag between August 11th and September 14th and purchase over 2,000 participating products. To find participating items, simply look for yellow School Bus tags throughout the store, pick up the in-store flyer or look online.

B) Use your Club Card (Safeway) to buy participating items and 10% of the price will go to the organization of your choice. Check your receipt for details throughout the program. Your total will be updated every shopping trip. For three weeks, starting on September 18th, a redemption code will be printed at the bottom of your receipt.

C) Pick La Peña to get 10% of your total. Visit escrip.com before October 13th to choose La Peña Cultural Center. Then simply enter your redemption code to make your donation. You can also give the bottom of your receipt (with the redemption code) directly to Nadine Ghammache at La Peña (you can mail them or drop them off). eScrip member contributions will automatically go to La Peña.

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Los Boleros 10/30

The Rebirth
For street dancers of all styles! Mondays 8-10 PM.
All levels are welcome. An open and inclusive environment for dancers of all levels to cypher, build community, & improvise with live musicians.

Amiguitos de La Peña (little friends of La Peña)
33rd season of children's concerts

Oct. 2: Colibrí, music from Latin America
Oct. 9: Los Mapaches, music from the Andes
Oct. 16: Jerry Kennedy, blues for kids
Oct. 23: Asheba, music of the Caribbean
Oct. 30: Mariela & friends perform music to raise funds for the Children's Hospital and Research Center of Oakland. (Visit: www.marielaherrera.com)

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A People Should Not Long For Their Own Image

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Creating Cultural Currency. Oct. 1-31. In the Theater. Artists from Chiapas, New York, Sacramento, Corpus Christi, Israel, Jamaica & Los Angeles. Cultural Currency is one way of understanding the value of what we provide to society, an expression of what we hope to cultivate within our communities. **Opening reception in the Theater: Saturday, October 9, 4-5:30pm.**

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